SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5239**

		3						
6							5	8
1		2	6			4	7	
7			9	3			6	
		8		1			4	7
				2	8	1		
5					7	6		
			1			5	9	
			8	4				3

TRICKY **B5239**

			1					4
8		5						
1		4		9				2
			7	3		8		5
4		6						
		3	6					
7	4		8					
6				2			3	1
	1			7				

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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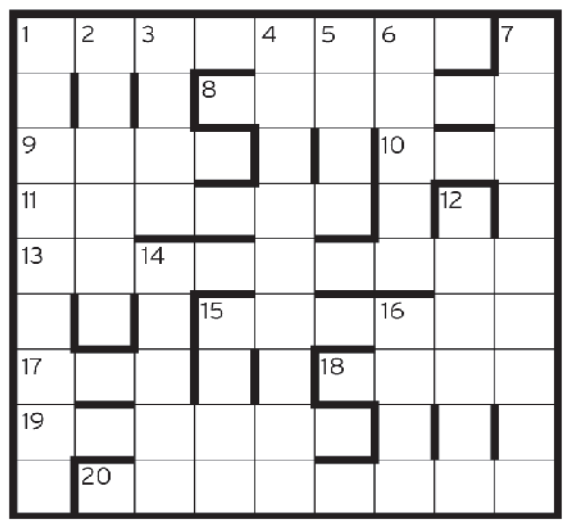
CROSSWORD



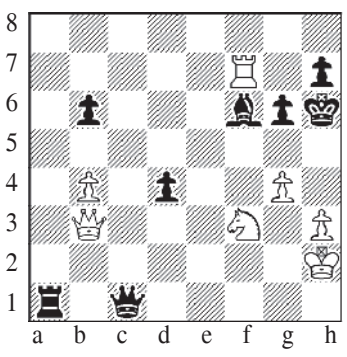
ACROSS

1 Burn without flame (8)
8 Venetian bridge (6)
9 Leak slowly (4)
10 Hostelry (3)
11 Engraves (6)
13 Little by little (2,7)
15 Grant a lease as a tenant (6)
17 _ Lovelace, computing pioneer (3)
18 Relocate (4)
19 Comment (6)
20 Haphazardly (8)

DOWN

1 Furniture item (9)
2 One dying for a cause (6)
3 Of the ears (4)
4 Beach or pool attendant (9)
5 Platform (4)
6 Chosen (5)
7 Oyster man (anag.) (9)
12 Small beetle that destroys crops (6)
14 Stage play (5)
15 Look over quickly (4)
16 Weaving apparatus (4)

CHESS



BLACK FORCES MATE

HINT: DIVERT A DEFENDER.

Solution:
1. ... Be5ch! 2. Nxe5 Qg1 mate!
If instead 2. Kg2, ... Qf1 mate
[Gracheva-Riazantsev '14].

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 13;

Very good 19;

Excellent 25 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

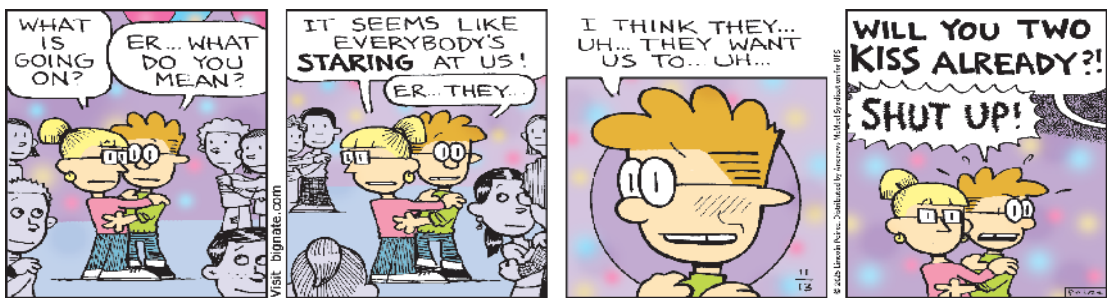
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

ALLOTMENT

allot ALLOTMENT aloe alone alto atoll elan etalon lame lament lane late latent latte lean leant lemon lent lento loam loan lone male mall mallet malt mantel mantle meal melon melt mental metal metol molal mole moll molten motel mottle olla tale talent tall talon teal tell toll tonal total

THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE


WHAT IS GOING ON?
ER... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYBODY'S STARING AT US!
ER... THEY...
I THINK THEY... UH... THEY WANT US TO... UH...
WILL YOU TWO KISS ALREADY?!
SHUT UP!
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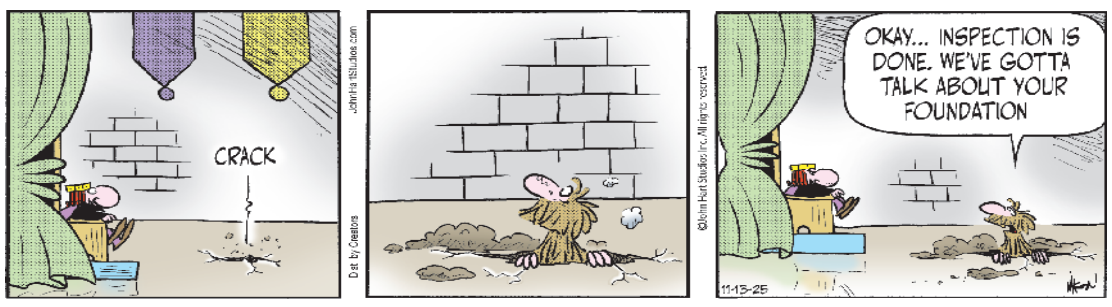
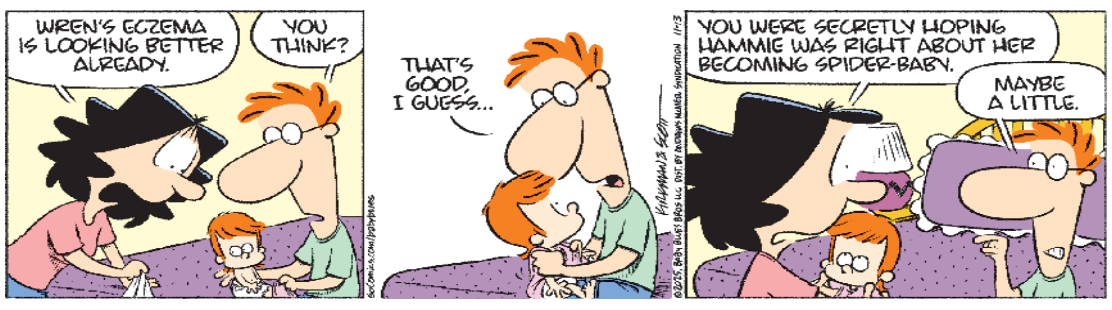
THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES


WREN'S ECZEMA IS LOOKING BETTER ALREADY.
YOU THINK?
THAT'S GOOD, I GUESS...
YOU WERE SECRETLY HOPING HAMMIE WAS RIGHT ABOUT HER BECOMING SPIDER-BABY.
MAYBE A LITTLE.

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:40pm	05:09pm	05:46pm	05:07pm	05:14pm	05:42pm
Sunrise	06:41am	06:35am	06:46am	06:27am	06:42am	06:51am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow				Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	12	28	Sunny	59	12	28	Sunny		12	28	Sunny
Hyderabad	13	32	Sunny	40	13	32	Sunny		14	32	Sunny
Islamabad	10	25	Sunny	50	10	25	Sunny		09	25	Sunny
Lahore	12	27	Sunny	48	12	27	Sunny		12	27	Sunny
Multan	12	29	Sunny	66	11	29	Sunny		12	28	Sunny
Peshawar	9	25	Sunny	50	9	25	Sunny		9	24	Sunny
Quetta	3	18	Sunny	38	3	18	Sunny		6	20	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD

DWARFISH

(DWARFISH: DWOR-fish: Small in stature.)

Average mark 19 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 24 or more words in DWARFISH?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — RETAIN

rain	tern	near
rani	tier	neat
rant	tine	niter
rate	tinea	
rein	tire	
rent	train	
riant	trine	
rite	ante	
earn	anti	
tare	antre	
tarn	inert	
tear	inter	
terai	irate	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

2 Spirited
9 Morsel
10 Prop
11 Noah
13 Kitty
14 Overjoyed
16 Media
19 Plug
20 Idea
21 Silent
22 Unlikely.

DOWN

1 Impromptu
3 Probe
4 I Spy
5 Reykjavik
6 Trot
7 Elated
8 Dehydrate
12 Evelyn
15 Yodel
17 Dual
18 Nile.

METRO EVENTS

PLAY

Behrupiya, a musical comedy based on Moli re's French classic *Tartuffe*, is staged as part of the World Culture Festival, at Arts Council of Pakistan, at 8pm.

EXHIBITIONS

Peace & Pieces Volume 3, an international art exhibition, is held as part of the World Culture Festival, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 5pm. It will continue till Nov 18, from 12noon to 8pm.

A three-day handicrafts exhibition opens at Arts Council of Pakistan, District Central, Sector 5-E, at 2pm.

DISCUSSIONS

'Iqbal Ki Sheriyaat', a discussion, is held at the PMA House, Garden Road, at 5:30pm.

A panel discussion on 'Far-Right Narratives and Violent Extremism' is organised at Dr Iram Auditorium, Salim Habib University at 12noon.

WORKSHOP

'Hooked on Crochet', a workshop for beginners and craft lovers alike, is held at ZVMG Rangoonwala Centre, at 10am.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

*** Be patient with others this morning, because it's easy to be irritable or fly off the handle. There is no benefit for you in doing this. Fortunately, as this day unfolds, relations with others, particularly co-workers, medical helpers and issues related to your pet, will be warm and supportive. A complete turn-around. Tonight: Think healthy.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** Despite tension in the early morning, this is a marvelous day to socialize. Enjoy the company of spouses, partners and close friends. Financial investments are favored. In fact, this is a great day to clear up old business regarding finances, taxes and debt. Tonight: Schmooze!

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

*** Be patient with partners and close friends this morning to avoid arguments or saying something that you might later regret. (So easy to do.) Fortunately, later in the day, relations with family members are great! In fact, this is a great time to tweak your digs or entertain family and friends. Tonight: Relax.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

**** Work-related arguments might occur this morning, because grievances, disputes and feelings of irritability will arise all too easily. However, later in the day, you're happier! You'll enjoy social outings, fun activities with kids, sports events and appreciating the arts. Tonight: Discussions.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

*** Old flames are back in your world in person, or in your thoughts and dreams. This could trigger some irritability within you. Meanwhile, this morning, parents need to be patient with their kids. Later in the day, you might have financial ideas or make purchases that benefit home and family. Tonight: Check your belongings.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** In the early morning, the Moon is in your sign at odds with fiery Mars, which could make you irritable and impatient. Stay chill. This is a temporary dark cloud on your horizon. Later in the day, you'll enjoy happy relations with others, including romance. All is well! Tonight: You're in charge.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

*** Be patient in the early morning if you feel disgruntled with others. You will gain no ground by mouthing off. Keep your cool. Later in the day, you'll feel pleased and perhaps surprised about a purchase or something to do with your money and cash flow. It's all good. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

*** Avoid money squabbles or disputes about possessions in the early morning. Venus is in your sign now, along with the Sun, and you can afford to take the high road. Later in the day, relations with friends and groups are warm and friendly. You're popular! Tonight: Be friendly.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

*** Don't give in to irritable feelings when talking to parents and bosses in the early morning. (This includes the police.) You will do yourself no favor. Instead, be patient, because later in the day, the tables are turned, and your relations with authority figures are warm and supportive. Go figure. Tonight: You're noticed.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** Avoid controversial discussions in the early morning, especially about politics, religion and racial issues. They will be nasty. Later in the day, plans to travel or explore opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine and the law will delight you. Tonight: Learn and explore.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

*** Don't take the bait when talking to friends and groups this morning. Maintain your cool. Later in the day, your relations with authority figures are so positive that you might get a financial advantage or gain money or practical support. Ka-ching! Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** Resist the impulse to quarrel with spouses, partners and friends in the early morning. Use common sense and patience. Ironically, later in the day, feelings of love and friendship are strong, and you will appreciate those who are closest to you. In fact, you'll be light and cheerful! Tonight: Listen.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Taking the long view

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 2
♥ K 10 7 2
♦ Q J 10
♣ A 10 9 7

WEST
♠ K Q 10
♥ 5 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ K 8 6 4 2

EAST
♠ A 7 6 4 3
♥ A 6
♦ 9 6 4 3 2
♣ 5

SOUTH
♠ J 9 5
♥ Q J 9 8 4
♦ A K
♣ Q J 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	

Opening lead -- king of spades.

Most errors in the play of the cards can be attributed to laziness rather than ignorance or limited ability. This observation applies equally to the offense and the defense.

Today's deal illustrates the type of error that can easily be avoided with the proper mental approach. West led the king of spades and continued with the queen after East signaled with the seven. West then shifted to a diamond. Declarer won with the ace and conceded a trump to East's ace. South later took a successful club finesse, and the contract was home.

Nothing startling occurred during the play, and it might appear that the par result was achieved by both sides. But closer examination reveals that the contract should have been defeated.

The culprit was East, who missed a golden opportunity at trick one when he should have overtaken West's king of spades with the ace and shifted to his singleton club.

From then on, declarer would have been fighting a losing battle. Whenever he led a trump, East would grab the ace, lead a spade to West and obtain a club ruff to defeat the contract.

It would not have been difficult for West to read the situation if East had done his part at tricks one and two. The combination of the overtake and the club return would have made the defense crystal clear.

For East's part, finding the winning defense should be easy if he considers the hand as a whole and does not play mechanically to the first trick. He knows from the opening lead that his partner has the K-Q of spades, so unless South has a singleton spade, East can count three defensive tricks. The search for a fourth is ended as soon as it occurs to him that a club ruff can upset declarer's apple cart.

Tomorrow: Double-dummy problem.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5238

1	3	4	9	6	2	5	8	7
8	2	5	3	7	4	9	6	1
7	6	9	8	5	1	2	3	4
5	7	8	4	2	9	3	1	6
9	4	6	1	3	7	8	5	2
3	1	2	5	8	6	7	4	9
4	5	1	2	9	3	6	7	8
2	8	7	6	4	5	1	9	3
6	9	3	7	1	8	4	2	5

Tricky — B5238

7	6	5	1	4	3	9	8	2
3	4	9	6	2	8	7	5	1
8	2	1	7	5	9	6	3	4
9	7	3	8	1	4	5	2	6
2	5	8	3	7	6	1	4	9
4	1	6	2	9	5	8	7	3
6	9	2	4	8	7	3	1	5
5	8	4	9	3	1	2	6	7
1	3	7	5	6	2	4	9	8